



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : Li Xing and Robert C. Glen
TITLE : Method For Accurately Estimating Pk_a Of
Molecules Using Atom Type Definitions And
Partial Least Squares
SERIAL NO. : 09/626,099
FILING DATE : July 26, 1999
ART UNIT : 1631
EXAMINER : Marianne P. Allen
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : 3017-43

TO: Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 4, 2004

Applicant hereby responds to the non-final office action dated March 4, 2004. Accompanying this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time to September 4, 2004 along with the required fee. This Response is timely filed on September 7, 2004 since September 4, 2004 was a Saturday and the following Monday was a federal holiday. September 7, 2004 is the next business day the Office is open following the weekend and holiday closure.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of

this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include two attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.